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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, FR, UR

SUBJECT: JOBERT-GROMYKO TALKS MOVED UP

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1. QUAI SOVIET DESK OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF JULY 19 THAT DATES FOR FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT'S VISIT TO MOSCOW HAVE BEEN ADVANCED TO JULY 26-28 FROM 30-31(REFTEL). QUAI OFFICER INDICATED JOBERT WOULD LEAVE PARIS ABOUT MIDDAY JULY 26 AND RETURN THE 28TH, THUS FRIDAY, JULY 27, WILL REPRESENT ONLY FULL DAY OF CONSULTATIONS.

2. QUAI BELIEVES THAT JOBERT-GROMYKO TALKS WILL BASICALLY ROUND OUT TOUR D'HORIZON BEGUN DURING JUNE 25-27 BREZHNEV SUMMIT MEETING IN PARIS. JOBERT WISHES TO DISCUSS SOVIET DRAFT "MAIN FINAL DOCUMENT" PRESENTED AT HELSINKI CSCE MINISTERIAL. NOTING ECONOMIC RELATIONS HAVE JUST BEEN SUBJECT OF FRENCH-SOVIET

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GRANDE COMMISSION MEETING IN MOSCOW, QUAI OFFICER THOUGHT BI-

LATERALS WOULD FOCUS THIS TIME ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION DEVELOPMENTS. IN THAT REGARD, FOBERT WILL SIGN A 10-YEAR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACCORD.

3. VIRTUALLY ON EVE OF JOBERT-GROMYKO TALKS, WELL-INFORMED POLITICAL PUNDIT GEORGES BROUSSINE WRITES JULY 20 THAT FRANCO-SOVIET RELATIONS HAVE ENTERED "DELICATE PHASE." BROUSSINE NOTES RECENT SIGNS OF SOVIET CONCERN OVER FRENCH TACTICS, ESPECIALLY OF DEFENSE QUESTIONS. HE BELIEVES RUSSIANS PRESENTLY ACTING LIKE "DECEIVED SUITORS." HE CITES, IN PARTICULAR, RECENT PRAVDA ARTICLE BY YURI ZHUKOV COMMENDING JOBERT'S REALISTIC REMARKS AT HELSINKI, BUT CRITICIZING SIGNS OF FRENCH ANXIETIES OVER THE "MYTH OF THE SOVIET MENACE." BROUSSINE WONDERS WHETHER SOVIET ATTITUDE MAY BE BEHIND "RATHER DISCREET" WELCOME GIVEN FRENCH PREMIER MESSMER DURING THIS WEEK'S VISIT TO HUNGARY, A FAITHFUL SOVIET ALLY. HE CONCLUDED THAT CURRENT FRENCH-SOVIET DIVERGENCIES RELATE MAINLY TO THREE IMPORTANT POINTS: TENSION OVER US-USSR RAPPROCHEMENT, DIFFERING APPROACHES TO CSDE, AND SOVIET FRUSTRATION RE CONTINUING FRENCH OPPOSITION TO MBFR. IRWIN

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